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Death of one Andi in police lock-up.

* 501 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Andi who was arrested by police on 21st October 1954, was found dead inside the kasba police station lock-up, Palghat, Malabar, on 22nd October 1954;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have made any enquiries regarding this incident; and

(*c*) the result of such an enquiry?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

* 502 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether one Andi of Kodunthirappulli village, was arrested on 21st October 1954, and was confined in the Palghat kasba police lock-up;

(*b*) whether he was found dead on the morning next day in the lock-up;

(*c*) whether his body was sent for post-mortem examination;

(*d*) if so, what the post-mortem report revealed regarding the cause of the death of the prisoner;

(*e*) when and by whom the death of the prisoner was first found out and publicly announced; and

(*f*) whether any departmental enquiry was made regarding the death of the prisoner in the lock-up and if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) to (*f*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to starred question No. 501."

* 503 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Andi of Kodunthirappulli amsam in Palghat, Malabar, died in police lock-up on or about 21st October 1954, the day on which he was arrested;

(*b*) the reason for his arrest;

(*c*) whether the Government have made any enquiry regarding this and if so, the result thereof;

(*d*) whether the Government received any petition from the wife of the deceased on the 23rd October 1954; and

(*e*) if so, the contents thereof, and the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) to (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to starred question No. 501.

" (*d*) No, Sir.

" (*e*) Does not arise."

* 504 *Q*.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in November 1954, one Andi was found dead in police lock-up in Palghat, South Malabar, the very next day after his arrest; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for his death?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to starred question No. 501."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in the statement placed on the table of the House, it is seen that the Executive First-class Magistrate also conducted an enquiry and his enquiry disclosed certain irregularities on the part of the Sub-Inspector and some of the Police Constables attached to the Station. May I know from the Hon. Minister what the irregularities mentioned in the report are? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the irregularities pointed out are in respect of the disposal of the dead body after post-mortem."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, my question (question 503) has not been answered."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I think the Hon. Minister has answered that also."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The statement is with regard to the whole case. If the hon. Member goes through the statement he will find the answer to his question."

Schemes for the removal of untouchability.

* 507 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) The schemes introduced by Government for the removal of untouchability in the State during the year 1953–54;

(*b*) the names of social and political organizations which submitted to Government the schemes and programmes for the removal of untouchability, the details of such schemes and programmes, and the programmes forwarded by this State Government to the Central Government in 1953–54 seeking their subsidy for the purpose; and